

Oxygen Line Cleaning System

First of its Kind:

On-Board Cleaning



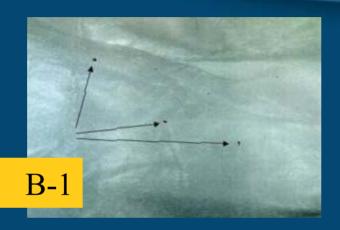


Eliminates

- Environmental hazards, banned substances
- Health and safety concerns
- Equipment fires



Why clean oxygen lines?







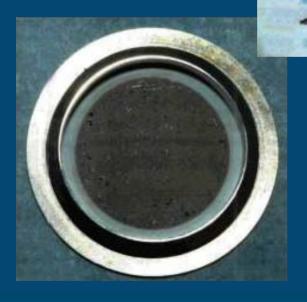






Why clean oxygen lines? (continued)

C-130









What we found

- Teflon
- Silicon (possible carcinogen)
- Metal cuttings (stainless steel, aluminum, brass)
- High chrome steel
- Plastic
- Dirt and rust
- Origin?





Contamination impacts

- Reduces pilot effectiveness
- Decreases regulator lifetime
- Increases fire potential
- Increases maintenance costs; aircraft downtime





Cost-benefit analysis

- Current cleaning costs
 - Manufacturer clean rooms and facilities
 - Labor intensive procedures
 - Line removal equipment and chemicals
 - Environmental discharges and disposal
- OLCS
 - Labor to operate equipment: 2-4 hours
 - Closed system; minimal costs
- What are the savings?





F-16 specifics

January 2002 - June 2003

- Regulator removals
 - 2 scheduled
 - **− 165 unscheduled = \$250K**
- Converter removals, 5 & 10 liter
 - 7 scheduled
 - 332 unscheduled = \$630K
 - − 23% require container changes = \$120K
- WUC 47000 Actions
 - 36 scheduled
 - 1312 unscheduled





C-130 specifics

January 2002 - June 2003

- Regulator removals
 - 174 scheduled
 - **− 588 unscheduled = \$880K**
- Converter removals, 5 & 10 liter
 - 11 scheduled
 - 152 unscheduled = \$300K
 - − 23% require container changes = \$55K
- WUC 47000 Actions
 - 538 scheduled
 - 1698 unscheduled





Cost savings estimates

1,000 aircraft regulators

- Assume 40% reduction in regulator failure
- Cost = \$600,000
- Unit capital cost = \$250,000
- Cleaning cost/aircraft
 - $\$300/aircraft \times 1,000 = \$300,000$
- Total cost = \$550,000
- Payback: ~ 800 aircraft regulators





Two systems - multiple uses

- Oxygen Line Cleaning System (OLCS)
 - Cleans large aircraft systems in place
- Gaseous Oxygen Cart Cleaning System (GOXCCS)
 - Cleans oxygen support equipment
 - Cleans fighter aircraft systems in place
 - Parts cleaning chamber
 - Cleans cylinders and tanks
- Both systems use HFE-7100 with high flow rate









Gaseous Oxygen Cart Cleaner





Oxygen Converter Cleaner







Other uses

- Hospital and medical oxygen systems
- Hydraulic systems
- Hydrazine systems
- Cylinders and pressure vessels
- Any plumbing systems





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